



NOVA SCOTIA  
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

# CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED LAWYERS IN NOVA SCOTIA

BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER  
IMMIGRATION TO CANADA

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Transcripts
- Certificate of Admission to the Bar
- Letter of Good Standing
- Detailed resume

## QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT

- Normally 6 to 8 weeks
- Review [Costs and timelines for the NCA process](#)
- Assessed individually
- Common law education, licensure, and experience
- Education/training equivalent to Canadian law graduate
- In-person education required, some online interactive allowed

## ASSESSMENT RESULTS

- Exam (max. 10); OR
- Exams and in-class education at a law school; OR
- LLB/JD

## EXAMINATION PROCESS

- Exams offered monthly online
- Review [Costs and timelines for the NCA process](#)
- Syllabi, sample exams and writing guide online

## LLB/JD PROGRAM

- Apply to a Canadian common law school as a regular student
- Admission requirements vary by law school

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION

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## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

- Applications assessed on a case-by-case basis
- Executive Director considers Certificate of Qualification and relevant practice experience, if any
- Executive Director may approve application with or without terms, including:
  - Bar Admission Program; Articling
- Executive Director considers competency, character and fitness
- Rights of Approval provided

## ADMISSION ON TRANSFER

- Internationally trained and admitted to bar outside of Canada
  - [Application form](#) and fee
  - Certificate of Qualification from the NCA
  - Certificates of Good Standing from each jurisdiction practised in, sent directly to the NSBS
  - Notarized Government issued photo ID
  - Criminal Record Check (Obtained by NSBS on behalf of applicant)

## ARTICLED CLERK

- Internationally trained but NOT admitted to bar outside of Canada
  - [Application form](#) and fee
  - Certificate of Qualification from the NCA
  - Notarized Government issued photo ID
  - Criminal Record Check (Obtained by NSBS on behalf of applicant)

ADMISSION TO THE NOVA SCOTIA BAR